

WAIVER OF VISA FEES FOR NONIMMIGRANTS

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The American Chargé d'Affaires ad interim to the Minister of Foreign Affairs

No. 831

MEXICO, October 6, 1925

EXCELLENCY:

I have the honor to inform Your Excellency that, while no change is contemplated in the present Executive Regulations under which Mexicans coming to the United States from Mexico as non-immigrants are not required to present viséed passports, the Government of the United States will, from the 20th of October, 1925, collect no fee for viséing passports or executing applications therefor in the case of citizens of Mexico desiring to visit the United States (including the insular possessions) who are not "immigrants" as defined in the Immigration Act of the United States of 1924:² namely,

(1) A government official, his family, attendants, servants and employees,

(2) An alien visiting the United States temporarily as a tourist or temporarily for business or pleasure,

(3) An alien in continuous transit through the United States,

(4) An alien lawfully admitted to the United States who later goes in transit from one part of the United States to another through foreign contiguous territory,

(5) A bona fide alien seaman serving as such on a vessel arriving at a port of the United States and seeking to enter temporarily the United States solely in the pursuit of his calling as a seaman, and

(6) An alien entitled to enter the United States solely to carry on trade under and in pursuance of the provisions of a present existing treaty of commerce and navigation;

¹ Pursuant to notice of termination given by the United States Feb. 20, 1950.

² 43 Stat. 153.

and it is understood that from the same date the Government of Mexico will not require non-immigrant citizens of the United States of like classes desiring to visit Mexico or its possessions, to pay fees for the viseing of passports or for the execution of applications therefor. It is further understood that the visas so issued by the Mexican Government will be valid for one year and for any number of entries into Mexican territory during the period of validity.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest and most distinguished consideration.

H. F. ARTHUR SCHOENFELD

His Excellency

AARÓN SÁENZ

*Minister for Foreign Affairs
of the United States of Mexico.*

*The Minister of Foreign Affairs to the American Chargé d'Affaires
ad interim*

[TRANSLATION]

DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN RELATIONS
MEXICO

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MEXICO, *October 7, 1925*

MR. CHARGÉ D'AFFAIRES:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your note No. 831 of the 6th instant in which you were good enough to communicate that the Government of the United States has consented to agree, without altering the regulations governing the entry of Mexicans and Americans going from one country to the other directly, that from the 20th instant there will be granted gratis the visa of the passports and the respective certificates of Mexican citizens proceeding from other countries who desire to enter the United States or its possessions who may not be immigrants in accordance with the definition which is made of this class of persons in the Immigration Law of 1924 of your country, to wit:

(1) Functionaries and employees of the Government, their families, servants and those who accompany them.

(2) Persons who visit the United States temporarily on a journey of business or pleasure.

(3) Persons who go to the United States in transit.

(4) Persons who may have been legally admitted to the United States who subsequently travel from one part to another of the said country and are obliged to do so through foreign contiguous territories.

(5) Seamen lending their services on a vessel anchored in an American port and who desire temporarily to enter the United States in the performance of their work.

(6) Any person who may have the right to enter the United States for mercantile necessities, in accordance with the provisions of treaties of Commerce and Navigation in force.

And at the same time I have the honor to inform you that from the same date the Mexican Government will visa gratis the passports of non-immigrant American citizens proceeding from other countries who may desire to come to Mexico. The visaes granted by the American Government in conformity with this agreement will be valid for one year, with the right to enter and leave American territory the number of times desired during the said period.

Please accept the assurances of my most courteous and distinguished consideration.

AARÓN SÁENZ

Mr. H. F. ARTHUR SCHOENFELD,
Chargé d'Affaires of the
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